

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Okada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,809,454). New claim 18 has been added. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-18 are in the application.

On the merits, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims, as amended, are patentable for at least the following reasons.

Amended independent claim 1 is directed to an arrangement station for reproducing a multimedia signal, the arrangement comprising: presenting means for presenting the multimedia signal to a user; delay determining means for determining packet delay representing the arrival delay of packets carrying the multimedia signal, and wherein the presenting means includes a comparison means for determining a difference value between the packet delay and a reference value, and an adjusting means for adjusting the presenting speed in dependence on the difference value.

Okada, as read by the applicants, relates to an audio reproducing apparatus that includes an audio decoder and a voice speed converting unit. The audio decoder decodes an audio data stream to produce an audio signal. The Voice speed converting unit then converts the audio signal in relation to the bit rate (higher or lower than a normal rate).

Okada fails to teach, show or imply a delay determining means for determining packet delay representing the arrival delay of packets carrying the multimedia signal, and wherein the presenting

means includes a comparison means for determining a difference value between the packet delay and a reference value, and an adjusting means for adjusting the presenting speed in dependence on the difference value, as specifically recited in amended claim 1. Independent claims 9 and 18 recites similar limitations.

Applicants can find nothing in Okada to suggest that a difference value is determined (between the packet delay and a reference value). Although, Okada determines a time delay for the voice speed conversion processor 4 to perform signal processing, see col. 11, lines 19-34, this is not a packet delay. Moreover, there is no teaching in Okada to suggest an adjusting means for adjusting the presenting speed in dependence on the difference value. The Office Action indicates this limitation is shown in Okada in col. 7 lines 34-50, Applicants respectfully disagree. In contrast, Okada shows that the audio signal is edited by deleting/inserting circuit in the voice speed converter.

Accordingly, at least for these reasons, independent Claims 1, 9 and 18 are believed to be patentable over the cited art.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claim discussed above and are, therefore, believed allowable and patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102 for the same reasons.

In view of the foregoing remarks, applicants respectfully request, entry of this amendment, favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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